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REMARKS

Applicants above provide the required Group and Species elections with traverse:

In the previous Restriction Requirement mailed on July 30, 2003, the Examiner grouped together as one invention (the previous Group II) methods of preventing CMV dissemination in a host and a method for reducing cell motility in a CMV-infected cell. The Supplemental Restriction Requirement is inconsistent in now dividing this same subject matter between Group I (claims 5, and 7-13, drawn to methods of preventing CMV dissemination in a human) and Group II (claims 14-21 drawn to methods for reducing cell motility in a CMV-infected cell).

The Supplemental Restriction Requirement asserts that Groups I, II and III have different modes of operation. However, the three groups are thought to share a similar mode of operation (e.g., reducing the motility of CMV infected cells).

Additionally, Applicants note that a method for preventing a dissemination of CMV in a human can be a method of treating CMV infection in a human.

Nor, does the Action indicate any undue burden would fall on the Examiner if the three groups were rejoined. As the three restricted groups each share the same class and subclassification, little to no additional searching should be required.

Applicants therefore respectfully request that the restriction requirement among Groups I, II and III be reconsidered and withdrawn. In particular, Applicants especially request that Groups I and III be rejoined.
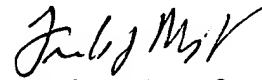
CONCLUSION

In view of the foregoing, Applicants believe all claims now pending in this Application are in condition for examination.

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If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please telephone the undersigned at 925-472-5000.

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